Pledge of BIMSTEC Countries on Terrorism

*366. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation BIMSTEC countries pledge not to allow use of their territories by terrorist groups for launching attacks on friendly Governments and agreed to share information and cooperate in capacity building;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what action has so far been taken in pursuance of the above decision?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) to (e) The First meeting of Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation (BIMSTEC) Joint Working Group on Counter Terrorism and Transnational Crime (JWG-CTTC) was held on 9th-10th December,2004. It was decided that BIMSTEC JWG-CTTC would serve as a platform for cooperation among member States to enhance their operational and strategic capabilities in preventing and suppressing terrorism and transnational crime. The 2nd meeting of the BIMSTEC Joint Working Group on Counter Terrorism and Transnational Crime on May 4-5, 2006 reviewed the reports of the meetings of its 4 Sub-groups on Legal and Law Enforcement Issues, Intelligence Sharing, Combating Financing of Terrorism and Illicit Trafficking in Narcotic Drugs, Psychotropic Substances and Precursor Chemicals. The meeting decided on ways and means to further streamline the functioning of these four Sub-groups.

Funds to States under ASIDE

*367. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have allocated funds to State Governments for creating infrastructure for development and growth of exports under ASIDE Scheme;

(b) if so, the details thereof during the last three years, year-wise and State-wise;

(c) whether assistance is extended only for export of goods and not services;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor;

(e) whether Karnataka Government has requested for extending assistance to export of IT and related services, since 50 per cent of its exports relates to this sector; and

(f) if so, the details thereof and Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) Yes, Sir. Under the Assistance to States for Developing Export Infrastructure and Allied Activities (ASIDE) Scheme, funds are allocated to the State/U.T. Governments for creating infrastructure for the development and growth of exports.

(b) Details of allocations made under ASIDE during the last three years, year-wise and State-wise, are given in the enclosed Statement. (*see* below).

(c) and (d) Assistance under ASIDE Scheme is extended to the States/U.Ts for development of export infrastructure for exports of goods as well as services. However, the allocation of funds to States under ASIDE is based *inter-alia* on the State-wise data for merchandise exports provided by the Directorate General of Commercial Intelligence and Statistics (DGCI&S). Exports of services, including software services, is not taken into account as State-wise data on services is not available with DGCI&S.

(e) The Government of Karnataka had requested for the inclusion of software exports for the allocation of ASIDE funds to the States.

(f) Due to difficulty in getting accurate State-wise data on services exports, it has not been found feasible to include exports of services, including IT &IT enabled services, for the allocation of funds under ASIDE.

Statement

"Funds to States under ASIDE"

Allocation to the States/U.Ts (in Rs. lacs) during the last three years under ASIDE Scheme

Sl. No.	State	Amount Allocated 03-04	Amount Allocated 04-05	Amount Allocated 05-06
1	2	3	4	5
1.	Andhra Pradesh	1,300.00	1,385.00	1,545.00
2.	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	200.00	200.00	200.00
3.	Bihar	650.00	200.00	200.00
4.	Chandigarh	200.00	200.00	320.00
5.	Chhattisgarh	400.00	500.00	500.00
6.	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	300.00	200.00	200.00
7.	Daman & Diu	300.00	200.00	200.00
8.	Delhi	200.00	265.00	265.00
9.	Goa	600.00	373.00	609.00
10.	Gujarat	1,500.00	3,578.00	4,338.00
11.	Haryana	600.00	849.00	1,405.00
12.	Himachal Pradesh	750.00	500.00	553.00
13.	Jammu & Kashmir	600.00	500.00	525.00
14.	Jharkhand	400.00	500.00	500.00
15.	Karnataka	1,900.00	2,414.00	3,399.00
16.	Kerala	1,200.00	930.00	1,069.00
17.	Lakshadweep	200.00	200.00	200.00
18.	Madhya Pradesh	1,100.00	1,435.00	1,435.00
19.	Maharashtra	3,400.00	5,709.00	6,552.00
20.	Orissa	1000.00	605.00	693.00

1	2	3	4	5
21.	Pondicherry	300.00	200.00	200.00
22.	Punjab	1000.00	968.00	1,217.00
23.	Rajasthan	1,300.00	1,320.00	1,320.00
24.	Tamil Nadu	3,000.00	3,919.00	3,919.00
25.	Uttar Pradesh	2,100.00	1,259.00	2,100.00
26.	Uttaranchal	400.00	500.00	527.00
27.	West Bengal	1,100.00	1,491.00	2,009.00
	Total	26,000.00	30,400.00	36,000.00
	North Eastern Region			
1.	Arunachal Pradesh	125.00	251.00	251.00
2.	Assam	500.00	1149.00	1,257.00
3.	Manipur	250.00	200.00	206.00
4.	Mizoram	250.00	200.00	324.00
5.	Meghalya	250.00	572.00	834.00
6.	Nagaland	125.00	200.00	200.00
7.	Sikkim	125.00	200.00	200.00
8.	Tripura	375.00	828.00	728.00
	Total	2000.00	3600.00	4000.00
	GRAND TOTAL	28,000.00	34,000.00	40,000.00

Agreements and MoUs with various countries

*368. SHRI DARA SINGH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the countries visited by him during 2005-06, till date;

(b) the details of the agreements and MoUs entered into with various countries during the above-period;

(c) whether enough safeguards have been provided to take care of the domestic industries;